

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Food Preparation Workers (35-2021)

Associated Occupation: Cooks, Short Order (35-2015)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	12.0	7.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Food Production	2.1	11.1	9.3	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Production and Processing	6.0	10.8	4.7	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Service Orientation	7.9	8.5	6.0	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 78

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Manual Dexterity	6.5	8.6	7.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Time Sharing	6.6	8.5	4.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Trunk Strength	5.7	7.7	7.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Extent Flexibility	4.8	7.1	7.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Stamina	4.0	5.9	6.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	5.4	4.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	5.1	5.9	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Carve meat or bone fish or fowl	85
Clean equipment or machinery	20
Clean rooms or work areas	30
Cut, trim, or clean meat, or carcasses	80
Follow recipes	81
Knead, shape, cut, or roll food products by hand	84
Measure or weigh ingredients for food preparation	84
Operate food preparation equipment	81
Perform a variety of food preparation duties other than cooking	84
Prepare appetizers, salads, or cold dishes	80
Prepare beverages	81
Provide customer service	14
Read work order, instructions, formulas, or processing charts	9
Serve food or beverages	70
Stock or organize goods	70
Understand government health, hotel or food service regulations	68
Use knives	78
Use knowledge of food handling rules	71

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 93

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Cooking and warming equipment	27
Cookware and kitchen tools	33
Food and beverage dispensing equipment	35
Food preparation equipment	24

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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